Boston: February 24. 1857.

Dear Mr. Webb—

I trust the box per "Arabia" — of a fortnight since — is safe in your hands by this time. But perhaps that is expecting too much: I will then say — will be, in course of the present week.

I have carefully looked over your Accounts, dated Jan. 9th, and have no doubt of its correctness. I have separated the items, of Liberator, Standard, & other payments, and have adjusted & paid the whole; and we now stand just as your account makes us up to the date thereof, viz. Jan. 9. 1857. I enclose with this a statement of my receipts and payments on your account, for the year 1856, complete. My receipts for "Advocate" were $23. I had paid out on your account $10.68, leaving applicable to any purpose of yours $12.32. This last amount ($12.32) I paid to Mr. Wallcut towards your receipts on Liberator account

your whole credit to me, for Liberator
Standard, Lib News, & Sundry books, pictures &c.
was £18.10.4, or $88.88

Deducting these ... 10.68 (which I had paid already on various contributions of yours, & for Lib News

and there remained £78.20

Still further deducting .... 12.32 (which I paid R. D. W. for your Liberator account

and there remained $65.88

which sum ($65.88) Francis Jackson, as Treas. of American A.S. Soc'y, paid me, and with it I paid the balance of what you were owing the Liberator, and all you were owing the Standard, and so squared & settled your account, viz:

Rec'd of F. Jackson, $65.88 — Yr. Receipts for Lib. were $49.24

Balance previously in my hands $12.32 — " " for Stand° " 28.96

$78.20 ..... $78.20

I made out a regular bill thus —

Am. A.S. Soc'y to R. D. W. Dr. —

To amount of Sundry expenditures for said Society, in Freights, Duties, Portages, Parcel-distribution, &c. &c. $65.88

and receipting it — R. D. W. by S. M. Jr.

There is however the balance due you &

£1.6.8. But as you request me not to account for this now, you will of course carry it to the account of the present year.

Mr. Wallace has written receipts for the several payments to Liberators which he designs sending to the parties making payment. — The Standard will acknowledge receipts in its columns.

Small as the amount is which I have been able to get for subscriptions to the "Advocate", I find I have been in the habit of crediting to you a little more than strictly I should have done — thro' want of sufficiently considering it. Let me explain. I originally fixed the price of the "Advocate" to American Subscribers in this part of the country at 75 cents, and I did so for this reason:

I took the standing subscription price — 1/, equal to say 25 cts
I never added the postage-charge paid by you 1/ more, or 25 "
Then I added the postage here, 1/ more, or 25 "

And thus got the 75 cts

But, strictly speaking I should not have sent to you the last 25 cents — i.e. for the postage on this side — but kept it to discharge the postage account here. And

hereafter I shall do this. That is to say - after the present year (extending to next October) is out, I shall collect .50 cents only of each subscriber, and the whole of that will be yours; and each subscriber will be left to pay his own postage account on this side.

I do not make the change this year, as I have already collected from half the subscribers their dues at the rate of .75 cts. for each copy taken, and I will serve all alike, feeling sure that none of them will grudge the superfluous shilling to aid the excellent little Sheet. But in business it is best to have all things done just right.

Let me say, moreover, that I design this year to retain the amount of the postage money here, on such papers as reach their owners through our office; as, otherwise, the postage is charged to Liberator, which is clearly unjust. This is the case with six subscribers whom Mr. Wallcut supplies - with my own 2 copies - with 3 copies which I furnish to Messrs. Smith, Wilson, & Powell, & probably more, but I think those are all. - I will do all in my power to enlarge your subscription

but, — but I believe you will readily admit that we do no injustice to the "Advocate" when we send it Half a Dollar for each copy Subscribed for, and pay here on portuga money for this Side the water — which latter, hitherto, we have done twice over, or rather, we have paid it at the P. Office here (some of us - while for others the Liberator has paid it —) - and, besides, have given an equal amount as a donation to the "Advocate" — and, I am sure, could not have given it better. — I have often thought that I would collect a little sum for a donation to the "Advocate". I have been deterred through dislike to giving any colour to the insinuation or charge, which would assuredly be made by certain amiable people in both countries, that the "Advocate" was really the organ of American abolitionists, sustained by them. I should hate, too, to have anything done which could possibly affect your noble

nidependence, and prevent your being, what I trust you always will be for the sake of the slave, for the sake of our good cause, and for our sake too, the impartial examiners and critics of every Antislavery principle, idea, and measure, advanced & advocated here and elsewhere. — Miss Estlin's generous bestowment of the needful pecuniary aid, and your generous contribution of much valuable time and efficient editorial service, make a co-partnership for the simple object of blessing humanity, which I can only look upon with the profoundest respect, with the warmest emotion, and with sincerest thanks to God, - and to you both, His servants.

I send you a Tribune by this Ship, containing several things which I think may be of service to you.

I said your account was all correct, I doubted not. I wished to say that one payment

(12/6) is entered on account of Eliza Jacks for Liberator. Should it be Standard? For R. F. Wallcut says this name is not on the Liberator books, and never has been. I have written to Newark, to ascertain if it be on the Standard's books. I wish, too, in sending your annual account, that you would, with every subscriber's name, give his or her place of residence (just as the paper is, or should be, addressed, if possible.)

Some time ago you suggested that James Hampton should have the Standard free of charge. I arranged that he should; and I feel very confident that I notified you of the fact. I may be mistaken, but I feel quite clear that I told you, at least, that it should be so arranged. I observe that he continues to pay his 10/ yearly. This need not be continued, if he prefers not. All will rejoice to send the paper free to so good a friend and so true a helper of the Cause as Jas. Hampton has so long been.

"We just to-day hear the tidings of the death of Dr. Kane at Havana - tidings which occasion a general grief, for he is greatly admired, and his book has been very extensively read. He died, do the papers say, the 16th inst.

P. Pillsbury has been off in the State of New York, attending some Anti Slavery Conventions there. He works up to the full measure of his strength, and never produced a deeper impression by his addresses than he is producing now. I fear he works too hard. He is on his way back now, - a good deal affected by a severe cold he took, - but he has stopped by the way to speak at Northampton, &c.

I desire my best respects to Mrs. Webb - whom I admire, though I have never seen her. I wish, on some accounts, there were not such a big, deep, pond between us & you. On many others, it is sad to[o] well that we are thus separated. - In one week more, James Buchanan takes the Presidential Chair, with Lewis Cass as his Secretary of State - two of the most shameless old doughfaces the North has ever produced.

Yours in hope, Samt. May, Jr.

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